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Annex Looking at More Than a Facelift
By Mick Colageo

Marion Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier has those two football-size pieces that are missing from the Main Street facing upper facade on the Town Hall Annex building, but they are not going back up.

“We’re going to try and duplicate that.... Unfortunately, they’re too far gone. There’s only so far you can go with restoration,” said Cormier. But the shingles will stay. “We’re going to save this detail as long as we can.”

What can be seen on the Annex building and what cannot are two distinctly different things, and Superman’s x-ray vision would not reveal a pretty sight. Behind the vinyl siding on the Annex building is wood siding containing lead paint that will necessitate an abatement requiring a legally prescribed procedure for safe removal of the contaminant.

The granite steps are their own story.

The Sippican Historical Society and a private donor have been the main benefactors of the Town House project that has sought funding from public sources, including grant money.

On the Cover: The Main Street-facing side of the Marion Town Hall Annex building is scheduled for a significant facelift in 2021. The Community Preservation Committee recently voted to approve two appropriations of $90,000 each toward the building’s renovation, including a historically appropriate Main Street entry way featuring mahogany doors, the replacement of windows, and a restoration of the facade. Photo by Mick Colageo

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facade above the doors. It will also include a full set of architectural bidding documents redesigning the steep granite steps and associated landscaping.

The first $90,000 item was originally set at $221,000 to encompass the reconstruction of the granite steps. However, citing several other needs around town, a scaled-down version of the project is more appropriate for this year.

The second $90,000 item on the CPC’s recommended list is intended to complete the exterior renovation around the rest of the partially octagonal Annex building, for which the town has already re-appropriated approximately $119,000.

The steps are not original to the 1890 structure. The entryway was originally at the ground level and on the side of the building facing the Town House. At 8 inches high, the granite is out of code but will be shaved down to be reused in a compliant version more welcoming to aged visitors. A complete tear-down and reconstruction of the steps will also remove the bulkheads on either side and, most importantly, completely reconstruct the support system.

“We all know it as this being the entrance, but none of us have ever seen it without it,” said Cormier, who further explained what cannot be seen behind the granite, a system of braces that are doing the job right now but are in need of reinvention for the long term.

“Public procurement with prevailing wage and commercial bidding tends to increase bid prices,” said Cormier, acknowledging that the steps project is actually worth $131,000, “if not more.” The reconstruction of the granite steps and associated landscaping will be a fundraising project for 2022.

The Marion Historical Commission has also played a key role in furthering the cause of the current projects and informing Cormier of the stages in the building’s history. Photos help tell the story, and perhaps the most tasteful historic snapshot is not the original one. However people remember it, the 1890 Annex, which from some angles looks more like a family restaurant tightly tucked inside an uneven city block, will soon reflect more favorably on its 1876 neighbor.

First Englishman Sought Family before Fame
By Marilou Newell
If you do an internet search for the first English child born of Mayflower Pilgrims, Peregrine White’s name will pop-up. He was the baby boy born to a couple that took a leap of faith in the 1600s, boarded a ship in Amsterdam, and sailed toward an unknowable land and an equally unknowable future.

So, how does one research the lives of early colonists when there are scant documents and few if any written accounts of a person’s daily life? Ask Stephen C. O’Neill, author of the monograph “The Life of Peregrine White – The First Englishman Born in New England.” On
March 21, the Mattapoisett Public Library, in partnership with the Mattapoisett Museum and sponsored by the library trustees as part of their Purrington Lecture Series, gave O’Neill the virtual floor to tell his story of seeking Peregrine White.

A graduate of Boston College and Boston University, O’Neill is certainly well established to ferret out details of this long-ago colonist. He is currently the Hanover Historical Society’s executive director and has also been the associate director and curator of collections at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth.

O’Neill began by saying that, although White never became a great leader, never distinguishing himself during

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his lifetime in ways other male family members would do, White had the distinction of being the “first” infant born to Pilgrims while harping off Provincetown on the Mayflower. Slight clarification: There had been another infant, but that child did not live, leaving White with the title of “first” Englishman born in New England.

O’Neill said that the pandemic hindered a great deal of the research he normally would have undertaken combing dusty old archives in libraries that have been entrusted with early colonial ephemera. Yet what little he did find is intriguing while at the same time “begging more questions than answers,” he said. So, what is there to read and absorb of New England’s own first child? To answer that question, O’Neill found evidence of his birth, maps of his farm and homestead in Marshfield, several legal and court documents, and a notice of his death.

To weave the story of the man, however, one has to be a storyteller.

O’Neill said that White had been born to his mother, Susanna, and father, William, sometime in late November 1620. Amazingly, a wicker cradle attributed to the family has survived through the centuries and today is on display at Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth. O’Neill said that shining a light on White’s life means “filling in the gaps from cradle to grave…. His life had to be complicated.”

White would become a captain of the local militia at the age of 16 and in 1648 would marry Sarah Bassett, whose own family is well documented as several members held positions of power and authority. Bassett was also related to the Winslows, another family of influence and governance in the colony. Yet White never seemed to be ambitious, O’Neill has concluded.

The Whites would know a bit of documented drama, however, and it’s interesting to peek back in time and find this juicy little gem. O’Neill said that in 1648, Sarah, not yet married to White, was very much with child. The couple was fined for the crime of “fornication before marriage.” They paid the fine, and thus, “the matter was cleared,” court documents revealed. The following year, White would be found guilty of fighting with a neighbor and, upon admitting his guilt, “He was
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admonished to take heed – the matter was cleared,” another court document ascribed. Presumably, Mr. and Mrs. White would live happily ever after with their seven children and 29 grandchildren between the years of 1648 and 1704.

A good storyteller always draws the audience into the tale, and O’Neill was able to do that, especially when he asked everyone to imagine the “travails of Susanna White in the third trimester of her pregnancy – cold, suffering uncomfortable conditions aboard the Mayflower and with child.” Yet they made it. The Whites arrived in the New World not only awaiting the birth of their second child but also with a five-year-old son named Resolved. Within the first year in the colony, Susanna would give birth and become a widow. Two servants who also traveled on the Mayflower with their employers, the Whites, would also be claimed by death. She was totally alone, at least for a little while.

Another first for the White family would come when the widow Susanna would marry the widower Edward Winslow. Theirs was the first marriage in the Plymouth colony. White’s stepfather would one day become the mayor of the colony.

O’Neill said that step-dad Winslow was a literate man, educated, and most assuredly would have educated his children. Given Winslow’s literacy and upward mobility, “Peregrine must have felt pressure to take on duties.” But what those might have been are unknown. In a follow-up, O’Neill said that, although correspondence to or from White was lacking, records of his life do exist and, given his long lifetime basically in one location in Marshfield, parts of White’s history are accessible.
What is documented is that White was given land by his stepfather Winslow along the South River in Marshfield and most likely was a lifelong farmer. A glorious map of his deeded lands rests in archives. And although he seems to have settled into farming and being a family man, he did become a “freeman” at the age of 31, gaining the right to vote. It’s easy to surmise that having the distinction of being a freeman was important to White, especially considering there were only 11 other freemen in Marshfield at the time. The term “freeman” simply meant a man was a full citizen of the colony with the right to vote or hold office as outlined in the first Massachusetts charter.

Going back to the beforementioned wicker cradle that was in use through the mid-1800s, its existence after so many centuries is amazing unto itself. O’Neill illustrated its historical provenance by showing a painting from a Dutch master from the era in which a wicker cradle is pictured; it is a nearly identical model to the one now on display at Pilgrim Hall formally belonging to the White family. O’Neill said that it was easy to carry aboard the ship, given its lightweight construction compared to solid wood construction.

And speaking of wood, the Marshfield Historical Society has an engraving done by Marcia Thomas in 1854, depicting an apple tree planted by their famous native son, Peregrine White. A piece of the actual tree is now in the collection of the Hanover Historical Society.
While much remains unanswered of New England’s first Englishman’s life, more pieces may be found when studying other more prominent family members such as White’s older brother, Resolved. Records indicate that the older brother would travel to Barbados to handle business affairs for his sister-in-law. Younger brother White, our Peregrine, “may only have gone as far as Middleboro in his entire life,” O’Neill guesses. But, pray tell I, he now travels in our thoughts.

To learn more, contact O’Neill at the Hanover Historical Society at 781-826-9575.

Local Sea Captain Became Revolutionary War Hero
By Robert Barboza

Not many local historical chronicles even mention Mattapoisett sea captain Oliver Allen, one of the Nantucket Allen clan who had settled in that part of what was then Old Rochester with his wife, Jeanne, by 1760. His brother, Thomas Allen, another master mariner, was also living in the busy port town with his family at the time.

The sons of Nathaniel Allen of Nantucket were a branch of the Allen family that had moved off the islands and settled in Newport, Rhode Island, just before the American Revolution (1775-1783) began. The men were sailors, coopers, carpenters, businessmen, and craftsmen associated with the maritime trades; Newport was the commercial hub of the South Coast in colonial times, so a number of Allens naturally washed up there.

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spotlight in Revolutionary War history last just 12 months – between October 1776 and the fall of 1777 – becoming perhaps the most successful privateer commander who sailed our near-coastal waters during that critical time in the war.

Before the war, both Captain Allen and his brother were involved in the coastal trade, shipping merchandise and freight of all kinds up and down the Northeast coastline. The small, fast sloops and schooners that the traders helmed were the freightliners of the day, and their masters and crews of these commercial vessels came to know these waters like the backs of their hands.

Both captains were successful skippers, and both owned substantial property in Mattapoisett for a time.

When the War for Independence started, much of that everyday commerce was stifled by the Royal Navy’s tight blockade of the American coastline, putting many sailors and captains out of work.

Many of those mariners found work on state-licensed privateer ships (former merchant vessels) equipped with cannons, swivel guns, and usually an extra-large crew of heavily-armed men whose job was to intercept the growing flow of military supplies, victuals, and reinforcements that the British were sending to the colonies to support their armies trying to subdue the rebels.

The privateers greatly aided a tiny Continental Navy and a handful of state navy ships, capturing or sinking hundreds of British merchantmen, supply ships, and military transports during the war. Much of the weaponry, gunpowder, and other military supplies needed by the Continental Army and Continental Navy in the early days were taken from captured British convoy vessels and warships.

Many successful privateer owners, captains, and crew members became wealthy men from their shares of the sales of captured ships and cargo during the war years – including Captain Allen and his brothers.

The less successful privateers faced death or mutilation in combat, capture and slow starvation in a British prison, or forced impressment into the Royal Navy. The owners of the American ships lost their investments when their vessels were captured, burned, or sunk, but
there is no record of that happening to True Blue.

For a brief time, Oliver Allen was the best of privateer commanders. In late October of 1776, state officials authorized his commission as captain of the True Blue, a 55-ton, armed sloop fitted out with six cannons, eight swivel guns, and a hefty crew of 40 men ... mostly, Old Rochester and Wareham sailors and officers.

The surety bond listed Captain Allen, Edward Hammond, Israel Fearing, Joshua Briggs, and Wareham’s David Nye as owners of the sloop; Allen, Ebenezer White of Rochester, and Middleborough merchant Abiel Pierce put up the $5,000 bond. The agreement was one-third of all profits went to the shipowners, one-third to captain and crew, and one-third to the state treasury.

Captain Allen had local militia veterans John Wallis (first lieutenant) of Rochester and Barnebas Bates of Wareham (second lieutenant) as his officers; John Carver was the sailing master.

An experienced leader, Allen was a captain of the fourth company of the Second Regiment of the Plymouth County militia when not at sea; Wallis was a militia veteran, too, along with Bates, who had marched off with Captain Israel Fearing and other local Minutemen to surround a Loyalist stronghold in Marshfield on April 19, 1775, the day the war started.

Besides the cost of the True Blue, its armaments, and the bond deposit, the owners also invested in 35 barrels of beef and pork and 3,000 pounds of bread to feed
the crew for an extended period at sea, starting October 28, 1776.

The first few short cruises of the *True Blue* were fruitless. But on December 15, Captain Allen and *True Blue* were sailing near the Nantucket Shoals with the Rhode Island privateer schooner *Eagle* when a large ship was spotted, pursued, and captured after a short fight. The 500-ton chartered transport *Addellgunte Loewise* and its cargo became shared prizes to be sold at auction in February.

On another cruise in March of 1777, *True Blue*’s crew captured *Felicity*, a 120-ton British brigantine. The ship and unspecified cargo were to be sold by the Mass. Maritime Court in April, according to a report in the *Boston Gazette & Country Journal* on April 7, 1777.

A few months later, in August, an American brig carrying dried fish was recaptured from the British prize crew, adding to the ship’s profits. Two other British merchantmen were added to the prize tally that month; their names and cargoes remain obscured by history.

There are no further records for *True Blue* after that fall. Perhaps it was captured, sold, or renamed, perhaps signed over to one of the partners when the prize money had to be divided up. As a shipowner and commander, Captain Allen would have gotten a double share of the tens of thousands of dollars in prize money that his five captures had earned – half of the third shared by the captain and officers and 20 percent of the third that the five partners would divide.

Maybe Captain Allen had seen enough fighting and enough of the sea after that intense year of pursuing and capturing British ships. For whatever reason, sometime in 1777, he sold all his Mattapoisett property and relocated his family more than halfway across Massachusetts to Hardwick.

He bought a farm and managed its production; during the rest of the war, he served on the town’s Committee of Correspondence and likely signed up with the local militia unit. In 1784, Allen sold his Hardwick holdings and bought a farm in Shutesbury, another small western Massachusetts town even farther away from the sea. Within two years, he was respected enough to be elected a selectman in that town.

Oliver Allen’s nephew Robert Allen also settled there and raised a big family. Eventually, Oliver’s brother, cooper Joseph Allen of Newport, Rhode Island, moved there to stay with his son in his final years. The wartime adventures of his brothers, Thomas Allen and Benjamin Allen, another mariner, are stories for another day.

These days, Captain Oliver Allen’s wartime legacy is probably known only by students of naval warfare in the American Revolution. But Mattapoisett can be proud knowing that one of its short-term residents helped our nation win its freedom almost 250 years ago.

V.A.S.E. Supports Student Engagement
By Sandy Quadros Bowles

V.A.S.E., the Sippican Elementary School parent-teacher organization, works every year to ensure that students experience enrichment activities beyond their classroom work.

Through their efforts, Sippican Elementary students in past years have, among other options, attended live theater, heard speakers discuss bullying, and developed varied skills, such as fiber arts, knitting, and yoga, from artists who visited their classrooms.

This year, of course, has been far from traditional, with visitors to schools restricted and even singing prohibited in the building to prevent virus spread. That led to challenges, said Johanna Vergoni, member at large for V.A.S.E., which stands for Volunteers at Sippican Elementary.

“There’s so many things that have changed for the students,” she said. “It’s not an easy learning environment.”

But the organization remained determined to provide enrichment activities, she said.

“We still wanted to do what we’re there to do,” said Vergoni. “This year we had to be creative to make that happen.”

They relied on being resourceful, thinking outside the box and using a means that has become universally familiar to students – Zoom.

Through this approach, the organization brought in David Ruch, an artist and singer from western New York, to perform virtually. His performance with fifth graders complemented their classroom education on Colonial America. Ruch performed songs in Dutch, Iroquis, and English that reflected that period of history. He also performed for second graders on the subject of world communities, teaching them about different world cultures. The children tapped on their desks as he played an Indian tabla drum, among other activities.

“It was great,” Vergoni said. “They were part of the show themselves. The kids loved it.”

They were so pleased with the performance that they signed up another performer, Motoko Dworkin, for a combined third and fourth-grade virtual show. The Japanese storyteller shared Asian folk tales, performed traditional Japanese lullabies, and offered a demonstration of origami.
Through Dworkin, they learned about a STARS (Students and Teachers working with Artists, Scientists, and Scholars) residency grant that is funded by the Mass Cultural Council and decided to apply. The grant was awarded to the school and will fund an afterschool program starting April 26. These six, 45-minute virtual classes will be offered to third, fourth, and fifth graders, and can accept up to 25 participants. To sign up, email vase@oldrochester.org.

Students in these free classes will work with Dworkin to make origami animal characters and use them to create a story to help solve a community problem.

“In a unique time, this is a program that allows students to work together,” Vergoni said.

Another virtual class is scheduled in April for students in first grade, with plans underway to hold the same class for students in kindergarten this spring. This program, led by Vinny Lovegrove of the popular children’s group The Toe Jam Puppet Band, is titled “Drawing and Silliness with Mr. Vinny.” This show will be “really fun and silly” as he “keeps it light and fun,” she
V.A.S.E. is also hoping to find a “fun program” for sixth graders, possibly something outdoors. Because these students will be graduating from Sippican, organizers are “really looking to do something special” for them, she said.

The virtual programs also extended to Project Grow, the Sippican preschool. Children there watched a prerecorded performance by Dworkin.

V.A.S.E. was happy to offer all grade levels specific virtual enrichment this year, she said, with support from Principal Marla Sirois, teachers, and staff. Vergoni hopes the programs provided “an opportunity to be creative and to take a break” from their routines.

Next year, she hopes, activities will be more traditional. But for this year, she said, “We’re happy we can still provide it.”

For more information on V.A.S.E., visit sites.google.com/oldrochester.org/vase/home.

Confessions of an Online Shopper
This Mattapoisett Life
By Marilou Newell

Window shopping or browsing in a mall was never my cup of tea, but that is not to say I didn’t enjoy shopping. I certainly did, especially during the end-of-season sales.

Nothing felt better than entering a dressing room loaded down with new clothing, hoping a few pieces would fit me well. Oh, the sweet victory of returning home with something new to wear, paying only 40 percent of its original purchase price. I was going to wear my new clothing outside, in the world, with other people. Now I fear that t-shirts, fleece V-neck pullovers, old sweat
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clothes, and pajamas are the order of the day.

This last year, with its pandemic challenges, has
proven to me that make-up isn’t at all necessary, not as
I once believed. It’s proven that elastic waistbands can
easily be rebranded pandemic waistbands, for they are
critical to spending weeks at home where wandering
around the house looking for something to do is not
unlike a safari where the prey are cobwebs. It’s proven my
husband really loves me regardless of my appearance. His
vision has become dog-like, seeing what he chooses to see
versus the reality – an unkempt, baggy-attired hausfrau.

Back to shopping – with the absence of in-person
shopping trips, I’ve found myself spending time doing
what I never did before, window shopping and browsing
but, of course, virtually on the internet. I can spend the
better part of an afternoon looking at slacks with real
zippers and buttons while fantasizing about wearing
them out to dinner while on vacation in some fabulous
port of call. Then the dog will bark, or the phone will
ring, and I’ll find myself standing in my spare bedroom-
turned-office, turned in-home physical-therapy clinic,
wearings day’s sweatpants and a long-sleeved t-shirt
complete with dog-hair accessories.

Shopping is now done online. While my husband
does the grocery shopping, I’ve purchased so much
merchandise from Amazon they send me purchase
rewards to be spent on my next order. Oh, they know me
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documented. The algorithms send me messages in the form of ideas on what next to buy. If I bought a certain brand of doggie treats, maybe I’ll buy a container to store them – only $19.95 – or some doggie shampoo with conditioner – only $19.95 – or even a doggie blanket for only $19.95. Confession: Sometimes, I’ve taken the bait.

This is not me! This is not the woman who prided herself on shopping out of necessity, perceived or imagined. This is not the woman who used her lunch hour to rush into a two-story store and pinpoint in under five minutes the exact size and color of an item she knew she would find.

Alas, I’ve become a wandering soul stuck in a virtual nightmare where, click after click, I go deeper into a merchant’s labyrinth, eventually finding myself with a tiny shopping basket icon filled with must-have items I didn’t know I needed. Please give me strength!

But what makes the process of online shopping truly seductive is the return policy they all seem to have. No longer must one face a real person and explain why an item is being returned – “Hmm … it’s too small.” Oh no, now you simply toss the item – no explanation needed unless you elect to give one – into the packaging it was sent in, slap the pre-paid return label on the outside, and, voila, it disappears. No harm, no foul.

Recently I was truly surprised while trying to return an item to Amazon. I couldn’t get the return label to print, so, through the miracle of a virtual assistant, I was “told” to keep the item or donate it, not to return it, period, end of remote dialog. Upon reflection, I deduced that it would have cost them more to process the return than to simply let me keep the $15 purchase. It waits by the front door for its trip to a local second-hand shop. Thank you, Amazon.

The dog has been the biggest beneficiary of my online shopping excursions. Why, you ask? Because every single article of clothing I’ve ordered for myself has been returned. There are various reasons, poor quality material, sizing issues, and the “what was I thinking when I ordered that” moments. The dog appreciates his one-size-fits-all treats.

When I retired from the corporate whirlwind of
black slacks, black jackets, black shoes, and crisp white French cuffed blouses, I gave away the uniforms. I wanted to purge my closet and my soul of those reminders of just how all-consuming one-upmanship was in those cut-throat boardrooms. What was left in the closet were exercise garments and jeans, not the mom variety my body would come to appreciate. It was time for the next chapter, and that meant the right togs to wear.

Enter L.L. Bean and Duluth Trading Company. Their selection of casual clothing was perfect for my new life as a gardener, journalist, physical therapy addict, and home cook. By the end of March 2020, I decided even those clothes were too good to ruin simply hanging around the house. One day I would wear them again out in public but not now. Out came the paint-smeared sweatpants and matching paint-smeared shirts, clean but battered clothing, not unlike myself.

My online shopping moved on to comfy clothing that most would call loungewear or PJs. But even those purchases, while filling up some vacancies in my daily reminder, haven’t been as satisfying as buying petite bites for my dog. Most have been returned. Harry remains the winner and still champion of my virtual shopping excursions.

So the closet waits for my return. It waits for that day when I pull out a few hangers, toss them on the bed, and debate the merits of a floral top complemented with black leggings. My make-up table and compacts of
eye shadow wait beside a vase of brushes and eyeliners, all weighted down by dust that has accumulated due to lack of use. But I know one day I’ll return to caring about whether a smoky eye is better for daytime and if I should go for the heavy black mascara.

One day in the future, I’ll return to my favorite clothing emporiums, slowly scanning the racks for just the right items, then I’ll saunter into the dressing room. And, as I change into the pieces I’ve selected, I’ll remind myself to never, ever take the little things for granted; even acts of consumerism vis-à-vis is a joy not to be taken for granted.

Leap of Faith Has ORR Junior Back on Track
By Mick Colageo

Soccer has been such a big part of Jen Williams’ life for so long that it’s no wonder deep into this blinking-yellow, inside-out and upside-down academic year of everything in calculated, cautious steps that the 17-year-old junior from Rochester got her head mixed up with her heart and wound up at the Fall II dance with the wrong date.

Two soccer practices, and Williams realized she was in love with the other date, track-and-field. So she fessed up to her coaches and, with their support, joined her ORR track teammates to begin preparation for an abbreviated Fall II season that opens with a home meet against Wareham on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 10:00 am.

 “[Soccer has] always been one of my main passions, and since I started spring track in my freshman year, I immediately fell in love with it,” said Williams, who is expected to make core contributions alongside senior leaders Emma Carroll, Jill Lang, and Teagan Shea. “It kind of took over soccer in a sense, so this year deciding between them was definitely one of the most difficult decisions.

“I originally thought playing soccer would be more of a fun sport for me, something I would enjoy more since track has become more serious to me and with schools and colleges [recruiting], stuff like that. But I played for two days on the soccer field, then I realized [the track] is where I belong.”

After playing on the varsity soccer squad in her freshman and sophomore years, starting as a 10th grader, Williams said girls soccer coach Jeff Lombard was 100 percent supportive of her decision. “It was a difficult decision, and it was difficult talking to him about it, but I knew this is what I wanted to do, and he supported me fully,” she said. “My coaches supported me fully in whatever I wanted to do.”

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association managed to create a window, albeit abbreviated from the usual schedule, for student-athletes to compete in varsity sports denied them in the fall of 2020. In the case of cross-country, schools can opt to use
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The Fall II window for their winter track team instead, and that’s what Old Rochester Regional High School has done.

Estimating her height to be between 5-foot-10 and 5-11, Williams will help lead ORR in the 55-meter hurdles and the high jump. Her initial track experience was in eighth grade, but without proper technique, she didn’t realize she would enjoy it the way she does now.

“Freshman year I tried high-jumping, but I was absolutely horrendous at it. I just gave up,” she said, pointing to a lack of knowledge and execution. “It was both. I didn’t even know what I was doing. I didn’t have the coaching experience, so I was like, ‘Alright, we’ll just stick to the sprints.’”

Out of Williams’ stick-to-it-iveness, combined with some detail work under the tutelage of event coaches Sean Medeiros (hurdling) and Meri Mattson (jumping), she has emerged as a team leader. Though Fall II “indoor” meets will be held outdoors, event distances will remain the same as traditional indoor track.

Crediting her parents for always encouraging her to try outside-the-box activities to gain experiences, Williams gave the high jump a second shot during her sophomore indoor season.

“I was actually better than I thought I’d be at it, so I just stuck with it,” she said. “I’m definitely not as good as I should be at it, but I’ve definitely gotten a lot better at it.”

Williams’ older brother, Ray Williams, played tennis at ORR (2019) and is a chemistry major attending UMass in Amherst.

At ORR, track has long been a family tradition led by head coach Cindy Tilden, whose husband Bill Tilden is athletic director and former cross-country and track
“I think we’re a close-knit group, and whether anybody wanted to join or not, we always welcome them with open arms,” said Williams. “The training’s tough, and it’s difficult to come in every day and work hard, but I definitely think we all benefit from it.... We are all extraordinary athletes. I think everyone here offers something to the team.”

As surely as coaches want all their athletes pulling the rope in the same direction, Williams is grateful for the school’s support when her internal picture was cloudy.

“I think this is one of the best decisions I made.... [Track] is like a family to me,” she said.

**SRPEDD to Help Shorten Red Tape**

**Rochester Board of Selectmen**

By Mick Colageo

Rochester Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar has learned in a meeting with representatives of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) that the town’s legwork in accessing state aid via grant funding may get shorter.

Reporting to the Board of Selectmen during its March 22 meeting, Szyndlar explained during her Town Administrator’s Report that towns could combine 10 programs into one online portal.

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system, Massachusetts invites applications on one timeline and then by way of a letter of interest. SRPEDD will assist with Master Plan and Public Safety-related grant applications that must be filed on an April 22 deadline.

Town Hall’s April reopening plan took a step forward with a meeting attended by Szyndlar, Health Agent Karen Walega, Town Counsel Blair Bailey, Administrative Assistant Amanda Baptiste, and the building inspector and facilities manager.

A thorough examination of all aspects of the reopening has yielded a plan to manage building capacity through a video intercom. Each department will entertain one group at a time that all enter through the Town Clerk’s Office.

“We’re still a small building here, and we’re trying to comply with the social-distancing standards,” said Szyndlar, who reported success with the likeminded plan already in place at the nearby Annex building.

The Town Hall’s conference room will be used on a limited basis. Public meetings will still be held in a hybrid or remote format, and rules will be spelled out at townofrochestermass.com.

Szyndlar reported to the selectmen about an article brought forth by citizens proposing to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer property for the purpose of constructing affordable housing units.

The article failed to meet the board’s March 5 deadline, according to Szyndlar, noting that the article proposing 501c3 housing requires 10 signatures to comply with state General Law and the Town Clerk.

Szyndlar said a couple of issues linger, including improper use of Town Meeting as a platform for the Board of Selectmen to auction property. It would also go against the state’s anti-aid amendment, she said.

Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri called the proposal “a very slippery slope,” saying, “If you donate property to this place, you’ll have 50 people coming at you (with requests).”

Selectman Woody Hartley distinguished Rochester Affordable Housing as a private entity not affiliated with the Town of Rochester.

In her Town Administrator’s Report, Szyndlar also noted that health insurance for town employees would see a rate increase of 2.25 percent for FY22.

The selectmen agreed to sign road-use requests made by Mark Walter of Westwood-based Sun Multisport Events and Derek Savas of On Your Left Racing in Middletown, Rhode Island, for two area triathlons this June and July. The Patriot Half Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, and the race would see cycling between 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and running between 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. The On Your Left event scheduled for Saturday, July 10, includes a choice of half or Olympic-distance triathlons.

Both events remain subject to state government’s

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potential move into not-yet-sanctioned Phase 4 activities. Both events emanate from Cathedral Camp in East Freetown and are scheduled to traverse Rochester roads, albeit on vastly different courses, according to Savas. The Patriot Half course has changed since the last running in 2019, according to public documents. Roads will not close for the triathlons but will be marked.

In other business, the selectmen approved a survey of a 5-acre property off Old Middleboro Road. Morse explained that Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge requested the survey in hopes he can clear out a half-acre or an acre to store asphalt grindings. The board will presumably ask Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon to make a site visit.

Assistant Herring Inspector Robert Gonneville tendered his resignation, effective March 22.

The selectmen voted to accept a February 2021 SEMASS pilot payment of $831,459.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, April 5, at 6:00 pm.

ZBA Approves Elevated Houses on Neck
Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals
By Mick Colageo
Twin requests for special permits to build single-family waterfront homes on adjoining lots on Mattapoisett Neck became the subject of a contentious debate before the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals voted to award...
At the recommendation of long-time Town Planner Andy Bobola, Cases 1464 and 1465 were treated separately, despite the lots having been merged into a single property by the town decades earlier.

In Case 1464, Chris Cudmore of Avon-based CJC Construction applied for a special permit and was said to have a purchase and sale agreement to buy Lot 30 at the corner of Mattapoisett Neck Road and Windward Way. Diane Norman (Case 1465) was the applicant seeking a special permit to build on the adjoining lot.

Both applicants were represented by engineer Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone Inc. While abutters Christian Hicks and Nicole Balthazar took issue with the aesthetics of elevated two-story houses encroaching within inches of the 35-foot limit in a neighborhood thickly populated by single-floor homes, existing flooding problems, and the anticipation of even more-stressed drainage was argued.

“I’m very concerned,” said Balthazar of the flooding in her yard and neighborhood. “My child, when he was seven years old, could swim with the ducks.”

Representing the abutters, attorney Michael Kehoe, while acknowledging that the right to build on the undersized property is grandfathered into current law, argued that the request for a second special permit for a second house is a mere attempt to maximize the land’s value. Kehoe furthermore stated that the application represents neither hardship to the ZBA nor does it represent, amidst drainage problems, the best interests of the neighborhood.

Kehoe further argued that 30,000 square feet is the minimum allowed for such a project, not 10,000 as was proposed. The two lots add up to approximately 20,000 square feet, but even allowing a 10,000 square-foot minimum, while Lot 30 measures 10,327 square feet, Lot 29 falls just under 10,000 at 9,887 square feet.

The site plans call for the houses to sit diagonally on their respective lots.

Kehoe called it “spot zoning” and said it was impermissible and, if it were legal to do, it would be beyond the ZBA’s authority and would need Town
Meeting approval to redistrict the lots. He summarized the application as a request for “dimensional relief” and said the request should be classified as a variance, not a special permit.

“We’re not looking at a situation where they can’t do anything with the land,” said Kehoe, asking “Where’s the benefit?” and answering himself that the benefit lies with the applicant. “Who has the burden? The neighbors. There’s no benefit to the town.... “What’s really being sought today is a two-for-one.”

ZBA Chairperson Susan Akin pointed out that the drainage issues fall under the purview of the Conservation Commission. She also considered the possibility that legal counsel would be needed to parse out the proper application of zoning laws to properties that had been manipulated; however, Bobola insisted that the ZBA was in the position to make a determination pursuant to Section 6.2.2 that allows the ZBA to grant new houses on lots that are made of similar size.

Davignon pointed to the future, noting that any and all new construction in the area is required to elevate in accordance with his plan for the lots, despite the inconvenience.

“You deny this project, you have to deny everybody else,” he said.

ZBA members agreed with Davignon that the next storm causing damage would require new, elevated designs and unanimously approved a special permit.
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for Case 1464 pending clearance with the Conservation Commission in its Monday night meeting. That hearing was presented and continued to April 12, pending consideration for peer-review.

“Tough decision ... but it’s two lots. The applicants have no choice,” said ZBA member Tony Tranfaglia.

“I think FEMA is speaking for everybody. I feel for the neighbors, but things have changed,” said ZBA member Norman J. Lyonnais. “The appearance of what they’ve worked for all these years is changing.”

Given the duplication of Case 1465, the hearing was relatively brief, but ZBA member Mary Ann Brogan sided with the abutters, citing the size of the smaller lot falling under 10,000 square feet. Her motion for a denial of the special permit was not seconded. Brogan’s would be the lone dissenting vote.

Kehoe reiterated his lot-size argument that had failed to sway the ZBA in Case 1464.

“It’s the second structure that doesn’t comply with the neighborhood.... You have the ability to build one home on a lot that was merged in 1973. This isn’t even close from my standpoint,” he said. “It’s not [a case of] ‘I can’t do anything with my land, it’s useless.’ There is [something they can do]. Hold it to one (home).”

Bobola told Akin that, under Massachusetts General Law, had there been different owners, he would agree with Kehoe’s argument. But in this particular case, it was still his opinion that under Section 6.2.2, the ZBA can approve or not. “It’s not a gold-bond stamp for you to approve or disapprove,” he said. “[They’re] asking for the relief from the frontage area and to use the setbacks from pre-1973.”

In a bizarre sidebar, Davignon was interrupted during the Zoom meeting by a knock on his office window by an interested resident by the name of Norman Balthazar, who would enter Davignon’s office for the moment it took to cite another elevated house in the neighborhood, supporting the applicants’ cases.

In other business, the ZBA voted unanimously to grant the Town of Mattapoisett a Special Permit to construct a 7-megawatt solar array on an easy slope at 100 Tinkham Road. An old permitting process on the same parcel previously approved by the ZBA never resulted in construction. The renewed case will also go before the Conservation Commission and work with the state’s National Heritage & Endangered Species Program concerning species habitat.

Mattapoisett would receive a PILOT agreement, some power credits, and lease payments in a negotiated total.

“This makes a lot of sense on land we would never be able to build on,” said ZBA member Colby Rottler, thanking former Town Administrator Mike Gagne for his ongoing involvement in the project.

The ZBA also voted unanimously to grant a variance to Kevin and Amy Mello, 7 Hiawatha Way, to encroach up to 2 feet toward the west sideline of their property for the addition of the mudroom and a shed.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, at 6:00 pm.

Windward Way Subdivision Continued

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A two-lot subdivision proposed for Windward Way at the junction of Shore View Avenue and Mattapoisett Neck Road in a low-lying beach neighborhood has generated considerable interest on the part of community members and abutters. As it had when coming before the Mattapoisett ZBA on March 18, where the two lots received special permits for residential construction projects, concerns over stormwater management and existing intermittent flooding were aired.

Coming now before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission, engineer David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone Inc. outlined the project filed by CJC Construction Corporation.

Letters of concern and other communication from neighbors regarding the construction sites expressed opposition to the development of the two lots, given existing stormwater problems. Davignon explained...
changes to the plans that would help and possibly resolve those issues.

Davignon described drainage features not previously considered, features such as shallow lawn drainage basins with underground recharge capabilities, recharge trenches along the property lines, and roof runoff underground catchment systems, along with gravel driveways versus paved. “The grassy depressions will act as recharge basins and will defuse water on the site as well as water coming from the roadway,” he explained.

Regarding the viability of the lots, which first received permitting as part of a larger subdivision in 1947, Davignon said, “These changes (to the plan) should improve drainage in the area.” But the neighbors remained unconvinced, with several asking the commission to hire a peer-review consultant.

Speaking on behalf of herself and several other households, Nicole Balthazar read from prepared notes, all speaking to the neighborhood’s historic stormwater problems and frequent flooding. She said that the changes in the plans were submitted at “the eleventh hour” and that it was “prudent and logical” for the commission to require a peer’s oversight of the submitted plans.

Echoing Balthazar’s comment were other neighbors and abutters, all of whom felt more eyes were needed to ensure the development of the lots would not end up exacerbating stormwater flooding in the area.
One resident questioned the use of the word “hopefully” that Davignon had used in conjunction with the drainage operation planned. Davignon responded, “The whole neighborhood has problems. We can only take care of our project. There aren’t any stormwater features throughout the neighborhood…. Clearly, these will be improvements.” He concluded by saying, “I encourage the neighbors to invest in installing drainage basins.”

Chairman Michael King encouraged Davignon to visit with the abutters and others before re-opening the Notice of Intent filing and added that the commission would take their comments under advisement. The filing was continued until April 12.

A Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Bruce Rocha Sr. for property located at lot 6 Park Place, received a negative determination after a presentation on the improvements to an existing drainage system were detailed by Davignon.

Rocha, Davignon said, owns the lot that includes municipally-owned drainage systems. Now, due to existing non-functioning drainage features, improvements and repositioning of certain drainage basins are required. He said that, although the town owns the drainage system, Rocha would fund the improvements himself.

Davignon said that Highway Surveyor Barry Denham was consulted about the plan and gave his approval.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 12, at 6:30 pm.

**Snipatuit Solar Project Will Wait**

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Rochester Planning Board was greeted at its March 23 meeting with a request from applicant Snipatuit Road Solar, LLC to continue its public hearing to further formulate a response to the town’s peer review.

A brief discussion by board members referenced the town’s request that the access road be widen to 16 feet and Snipatuit Road Solar’s ongoing task to accomplish that.

The applicant proposes an approximately 4.8-megawatt DC, ground-mounted solar array off of Snipatuit Road within a residential/agricultural district, within the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed partially within a groundwater-protection district and the flood-plain overlay district. The property owners are Lisa Holden, trustee, Rochester Realty Trust and Aquidneck Nominee Trust, et al., and Kevin and Cassandra Cassidy.

Continued from March 10, the March 23 public hearing was continued to Monday, April 13, at 7:00 pm.

Town Planner Steve Starrett told the board there is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for this week on the Eldridge Bog and a review on a nearby bog in a similar situation. The Board of Health, reported Starrett, is
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EMC Looks at Residents’ Cost to Go Green
Marion Energy Management Committee
By Jean Perry
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Waiting on 53G escrow funds, to which it was suggested
the Board of Health remains empowered by its leverage
on approval of the project’s septic system.

The Planning Board discussed a long list of 53G
escrow accounts funded by applicants that the board
draws upon to pay peer-review fees and associated
expenses. Over a dozen applicants were mentioned, some
to be released from their escrow accounts (the money sent
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via site visits that Planning Board Chairman Arnie
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energy at a more competitive rate, they could shop
around and possibly find a better deal.

Committee member Bill Saltonstall said he
expected electricity rates to steadily increase over time,
but has instead found that rates have remained relatively
stable for some years. He then held up a piece of mail he
received from a renewable-energy company outside of
the CEA and commented on its sense of urgency that the
receiver “take action now,” which might confuse some
consumers enough to leave the CEA thinking they would
find better rates. “I don’t know what kind of luck they’re
having,” he commented.

The committee wondered if it should take any
official action to discourage residents from responding to
the mail that other committee members have also received
but took no such vote. The committee did direct residents
to marionma.gov for further information or to act on their
membership in the CEA.

To opt up, opt out or opt back in, you can do so
over at masscea.com/marion/.

The committee also talked about electric car
stations in town. It may consider a charging station bylaw
in the future that would encourage developers to “think
in a forward way” and include charging stations in their
site plans.

Committee member Eileen Marum pointed to the
global trend to quit producing new cars that run solely on
fossil fuels, for example, by 2035 in the State of California.
“Before you know it, that time will be upon us,” said
Marum. She later said, if a housing developer did opt to
include some charging stations, it might be a selling point
for someone with an electric vehicle or thinking about
getting one because running an extension cord down from
a condo to a parking lot is not a great option.

“People have anxiety over where the next
charging station is, and this would provide some
reassurance … and this might encourage them to rent or
purchase [an electric car] at this part development,” said
Marum.

In other matters, Hilario reported that the library
windows would arrive in April, sooner than expected.

He will also be attending a walk-through meeting on
March 30 with town staff and representatives of the Green
Communities grant program to assess the wastewater
treatment plant for potential Green Communities grant
projects.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy
Management Committee will be held on Monday, April
26, at 5:00 pm.

MRC’s Solution is Public Disclosure

Marion Marine Resources Commission
By Mick Colageo

In seeking to better equip the users of the town
harbor, the Marion Marine Resources Commission is
using a subcommittee-type approach that has posed a
complication, and the result will be more public meetings.

In March 22’s brief, single-agenda meeting
reviewing aquaculture and commercial mooring work
groups, MRC Chairman Vincent Malkoski referenced a
recent meeting with Town Administrator Jay McGrail
and Town Counsel Jon Witten and reported on their
recommendations.

Having MRC Vice Chairman Carlton Burr, who
is in a commercial mooring group and owns a boat, MRC
member Scott Cowell, who holds an aquaculture site
license, and MRC member Joe Guard, who deals in boats,
have given the MRC experts on the subject to the benefit
of the town, according to Malkoski. However, heretofore,
Burr and Cowell have recused themselves from votes on matters of aquaculture and shellfishing, complying with the state’s State Ethics Code. According to Malkoski, Witten advised the MRC that the cleanest way to move forward is for Burr, Cowell, and Guard to file a Notice of Disclosure.

“Unless the Board of Selectmen has an issue, the MRC should be fine moving forward,” said Malkoski.

In order to avoid violating Open Meeting Law, McGrail advised any planned discussions involving more than one MRC member with either Harbormaster Isaac Perry (presumably to address commercial mooring) or Associate Harbormaster Adam Murphy (shellfishing), that a meeting should be legally posted.

“Given that there were some questions, I wanted to get out in front of this,” said Malkoski.

Murphy told the MRC a meeting is planned for Monday, April 5, and Witten advised the commission it can post a recurring meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, for instance, so public notice is maintained.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission will be on April 19 at 7:00 pm.

**Fall II in Full Swing**

**Sports Roundup**

By Nick Friar

Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical football was the first high school team in the Tri-Town area to begin its Fall II slate of games, falling 30-16 in the Cougar Cup to Tri-County at New Bedford High School. The Cougars will next visit Bristol-Plymouth with kickoff set at noon on Saturday at Taunton High School.

Old Rochester Regional football will also begin its season on Saturday at 4:00 pm hosting Dighton-Rehoboth at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech.

Here’s a look at what’s going on with the other fall sports:

**Old Rochester Regional Boys Soccer**

Like most other programs, ORR boys soccer is just happy being back on the field. However, that doesn’t mean the Bulldogs won’t compete like they typically do.

“The second you get out there, everybody is...
Movie Review

Silence

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com


The refreshing thing about *Sound of Metal* is that it doesn’t pretend things don’t suck when they do. Ruben (Riz Ahmed), the drummer for the two-person band Blackgammon he shares with girlfriend Lou (Olivia Cooke), is rapidly losing his hearing. As his doctor says, it doesn’t really matter how or why; this is the fact of his life now. Cochlear implants might help, but they’re expensive, and Ruben isn’t rich. Eventually he finds himself at a place hidden out in the sticks, run by a man named Joe (Paul Raci) as a retreat for those with deafness and addiction issues, both of which describe Ruben.

Riz Ahmed brings an itchy, impatient intensity to Ruben, who just wants to fix his deafness. Joe disagrees; he feels the path to healing should focus more on sitting with the disability — and getting realistic about how it limits you and how it doesn’t — than on seeking to make it go away. This has been a conflict in every disabled community for years; I once worked with someone whose son was disabled, and who used to side-eye Christopher Reeve because she felt, he seemed, to agitate more for finding a cure for spinal injury than for, say, accessibility or generally making the lives of disabled people easier. Director/cowriter Darius Marder seems to understand this eternal heated conversation from the inside out, and has forged a gripping drama from it.

Once Ruben settles in at Joe’s retreat (after a kind of time-wasting bit where he declines to go there, and we’re sitting there waiting for this section to be over because if Ruben didn’t go to the retreat the movie would be very short), I expected *Sound of Metal* to go soggy and dull, like a bowl of life-affirming gruel. But it stays spiky and tough-minded; Darius Marder is a son of Massachusetts, but his sensibility seems really European in its indifference to sentimentality. Perhaps, then, it’s apropos that the third act brings in Mathieu Amalric, whose features speak of sad, intimate knowledge of the world’s cruelties, and sometimes this makes his character relatable and sometimes sinister; here, as Lou’s moneybags French dad, he manages to suggest both.

Marder also gets a great performance from Paul Raci, a character actor whose face I didn’t recognize; I simply took him for a deaf actor (he isn’t, but learned ASL to communicate with his deaf parents). Tapped for most likely the meatiest role he’s ever had, Raci underplays and puts across a kind of relaxed authenticity, such as we might associate with a Richard Farnsworth or a Sam Elliott. Joe is extremely plain-spoken, and will not bother with a less than honest statement because he knows conversation is difficult enough without having to factor lies into it. Joe’s place is church-sponsored, but there’s no proselytizing. Ruben goes in unreligious and comes out the same way, though there’s no question he’s undergone some kind of spiritual journey.

If *Sound of Metal* doesn’t at least win an Oscar for Best Sound, the award has no meaning. Frequently, Marder takes us inside Ruben’s experience as the aural world around him turns into muffled distortion, receding maddeningly into a cotton-candy fog of silence. The soundscape has more personality and terror than anything since Alan Splet’s work for David Lynch. We also hear what cochlear implants do to sound, piping its buzzy approximation to the brain, like the tasteless teleported steak in *The Fly* — it gets the basics of sound but not the warmth, the music. *Sound of Metal* does shake out as the inspirational tale of a guy who realizes he has to learn to live in the world he’s found himself in, but the insight is hard-won and earned. It feels specific and therefore universal.
playing to win,” ORR boys soccer coach Mike Devoll said. “We’re grateful to be out there, but I’ve got 23 competitors. They have not flipped the switch off to say, ‘Oh, I’m just happy to be here.’”

Seniors George Barry, Charlie Hartley-Matteson, Evan O’Brien-Nichols, and Jayce Kouta are the Bulldogs’ captains this year. Fellow seniors Prosser Friedman and Elliot Gurney, as well as juniors Desi Finnotte, Brett Smith, and Carson Spencer, and sophomores Ryan Blanchette and Matt Carvalho are returning from last year’s team.

The Bulldogs get started against Seekonk on Thursday, March 25, at 3:45 pm at home.

Old Rochester Regional Girls Soccer
While other sports programs were off in the fall, ORR girls soccer players took part in the fall season of Mariner Youth Soccer in preparation for the MIAA’s Fall II season. The Bulldogs competed against other South Coast Conference schools, giving them a chance to assess their position in the conference.

“The fall Mariner program was such a great asset to these girls,” ORR girls soccer coach Jeff Lombard said. “It allowed them to still compete in a season when the conference had decided against it for the fall. It was so critical in beginning to lay the foundation for the team.”

Senior captains Rachael Fantoni and Kennedy Serpa, senior classmates Novalye Arruda, Brianna Machado, Rachel Zutaut, Skylar Cardwell, Bess Wiggin, Raegan Rapoza, and juniors Maddie Wright and Mack Wilson are the names to look out for this season.

The Bulldogs first visit Seekonk on Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Old Colony Boys Soccer
The abbreviated preseason has impacted Old Colony as much as anyone as players look to get ready for their condensed campaign.

“We typically have a number of weeks where we can prepare for the season, and this year we’ve had two weeks,” Old Colony boys soccer coach Sergio Pedroso said. “Even then, there’s a lot of barriers in place. In terms of running around with a mask, [it] complicates conditioning and [we are] having to factor in a lot more...
On March 1, 7 family, friends, and co-workers came out in force to beep and wave at retiring Mattapoisett Town Hall employee Melody Pacheco, who ended her 35-year career after serving in a variety of capacities, including assistant to the town administrator, for over a decade. While Pacheco looked on from the steps of Town Hall, all in attendance wished her a very happy retirement with cheers of “Thank You” and tears of gratitude. Photos by Mick Colageo
breaks. It’s been challenging, but we’re trying to make the best of it.”

Junior Jaryd Dosanjos and sophomores Christian Johnson and Ryan Scott will play big roles for the Cougars again this season.

After a Tuesday trip to Upper Cape to open the season, Old Colony kicks off its home slate of games with another meeting with the Rams on Thursday at 3:30 pm.

Old Colony Girls Soccer
Like the boys team, Old Colony girls soccer has seen a dip in numbers this season. However, that has not affected the tone of practice in the early going. “Our seniors, especially, are through the roof that they get to have their last season,” Old Colony coach Tom Lee Martins said.

Senior Briana Robillard is in her third year as captain and will share duties with fellow seniors Kaitlyn Pimental and Dani-Mae Sullivan. Junior Melanie Weed, sophomores Averie Oliveira, Brooke Jason, and freshman Breanna Arruda will also play core roles.

Following their trip to Upper Cape on Tuesday, the Cougars will host the Rams on Thursday at 3:30 pm.

Old Colony volleyball
The one new varsity coach in the Tri-Town area this season is Alyssa Watling, who got the job shortly after being one half of the first coed team to win the 2020 Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. Watling makes the move from junior varsity head coach after seven years, handing those responsibilities off to Cheyenne Martinez (née Howard), who was a member of the 2009 New Bedford state champion volleyball team.

“I’ve grown with these girls,” Watling said. “But to actually see them on the varsity court, it’s more competitive and less instructional. It gets real exciting.”

Seniors Savanna Halle and Isabelle Darce are the Cougars’ co-captains this season. Fellow seniors Caidyn Thatcher, Nina Castillo, and Lauren Eldridge will play important roles, along with sophomore Samantha Tavares and freshman McKenna Benoit.

Old Rochester Regional Volleyball
Some fall teams are set to play fewer than 10 games in the Fall II, but not ORR volleyball. In fact, they’ll...
Faith Ball wanted to share some shots of three snow geese that she spotted in Mattapoisett Harbor during her Saturday morning walk. The geese flew in alone, then slowly joined a large flock of Canada Geese that were also in the area.

Jennifer Shepley submitted her photo of a red shouldered hawk during a snow squall.

Clear skies photo by Ruth Griffin

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com
face a pair of Division I programs.

“We’re playing 13 games because we’re playing Durfee and Brockton; their conference already played, so they didn’t have anyone,” ORR coach Jimmy Oliveira said. “We’ve played Durfee maybe once in a jamboree a few years ago…. I played for New Bedford, so I think it’s pretty cool to play against them.”

Seven of the Bulldogs’ eight starters are returners: seniors Kailee Rodrigues, Lexi vander Pol, Meg Horan, and Meaghan Dufresne, and juniors Mickenna Soucy, Sally Butler, and Maggie Brogioli.

ORR volleyball opened the season on Tuesday against Somerset Berkley. After a Wednesday meeting with Durfee, the Bulldogs visit Seekonk on Friday.

Old Rochester Regional Field Hockey

The biggest change for any fall high school sport this year has been field hockey, dropping from 11 players on the field for each team to seven on seven. The format is not entirely foreign to players, since indoor field hockey is played at 7v7, only that game is played on a much smaller field.

“This is definitely a pivotal time for the girls, and they’re very resilient,” ORR coach Lauren O’Brien said. “They have a lot to overcome, on top of wearing the goggles, mouthguard, and masks. It’s a completely different game that they’re not necessarily accustomed to. We’re really re-teaching the game. Visually, spatially, endurance wise, it’s a completely different game, so we’ve been really working on making the ball do the work — sending the ball into space, lead passes, and really capitalizing on corners.”

ORR’s senior captains this season are Paige Sommers, Carly Drew, and Maeve Geraghty. Senior Abbie Forcier and juniors Maggie Nailor and Emily Wheeler are expected to make significant contributions.

The Bulldogs open by hosting Westport on Friday, March 26, at 3:30 pm.

Old Rochester Regional Golf

Perhaps more so than any other program in the Tri-Town area, ORR golf is losing out on a 2021 without an MIAA tournament. “My team that I have right now is probably the strongest team that I would have ever had,” coach Chris Cabe said.
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COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, March 29: BBQ pork patty, whipped sweet potatoes, green & wax beans, oatmeal bread, pineapple
Tuesday, March 30: Apricot chicken, butternut squash, rice Florentine, multigrain roll, mixed fruit
Wednesday, March 31: Fiesta omelet, peppers & onions, hash browns, fruit loaf, peaches
Thursday, April 1: Roasted turkey w/garlic, cranberry sauce (2), mashed potatoes, winter squash, oatmeal bread, salted caramel cheesecake, diet: low sugar cake
Friday, April 2: Macaroni & cheese, scalloped tomatoes, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, March 29: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, oven roasted French fries, roasted chickpeas, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk, (OR) PB&J fun lunch
Tuesday, March 30: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, savory green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) PB&J fun lunch
Wednesday, March 31: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, oven roasted French fries, roasted chickpeas, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) PB&J fun lunch

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, March 29: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) PB&J fun lunch
Tuesday, April 1: No menu available
Friday, April 2: No menu available

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, March 29: Remote grab n go meal pick up
Tuesday, March 30: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) Turkey & cheese sub
Wednesday, March 31: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, potato puffs, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) PB&J fun lunch
Thursday, April 1: No menu available
Friday, April 2: No menu available

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, March 29: Hamburger/cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, oven roasted French fries, roasted chickpeas, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk, (OR) PB&J fun lunch
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For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
It has been a great run and I simply have no regrets.

I want to thank all who made this such a special occasion by either your flowers, cards, a cup of coffee, gifts, signs, flowers, or simply your kind words. It all means so much.

Lastly, I thank my boss, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, the Board of Selectmen, all town departments and committees, along with all my great co-workers, family and friends, and my husband, Ken.

Here’s to my next chapter!

Sincerely,
Mel Pacheco

**ORRJH Students of the Month**

Silas D. Coellner, principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for February 2021: Amelia Russell and Brooke Coryer (green team); Teresa Adams and Michael Radek (orange team); Sophie Bozzo and Cadel Bosma (blue team); Maya Warren and Tiera McCarthy (red team); Giada Gandolfi and Matthew Gendron (purple/remote team).

**The MAC Presents Eight SouthCoast Spring Arts Events**

The Marion Art Center joins more than two dozen local cultural organizations to launch a celebration of local arts and culture. The MAC presents eight SouthCoast Spring Arts Events, offering a diverse array of performances, exhibitions, and workshops throughout the month of April. These events include everything from theater productions to visual art openings, providing a vibrant and engaging experience for all attendees.

**Letters to the Editor**

_a dozen local cultural organizations to launch a celebration._

Christian Noble Shriver, Andrew Coucci, and Davis Fox are ORR’s senior captains, and they’ll be working alongside junior Riley Farrell and a trio of sophomores, Markus Pierre, Philip le Gassick, and Alex Mardesen.

The Bulldogs will visit Seekonk on Thursday, April 8, to open the season.

**ORR Boys and Girls Track and Field**

Fall is normally cross-country season, and that was a Fall II option for schools, but so was indoor track. The Bulldogs opted for the latter. Though the meets will be held outdoors, event distances will remain the same as indoor track.

Junior Jen Williams and seniors Emma Carroll, Jill Lang, and Teagan Shea will lead the girls team, while seniors David Reynolds, Curtis Briggi, Anthony Steele, Cole Denison, and juniors Leo Shiappa and Colby Gross will lead the boys.

**News Submission Policy**

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects of a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you feel uneasy about a colleague’s suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been, but never were, fully resolved.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you’ll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a “clear the air” talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it’s because you haven’t found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don’t give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you’ve presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to focus on being focused. But things ease up in time for weekend fun.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don’t simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm even when you’re confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course. The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you enjoy tradition and stability, you also appreciate the good things that change can bring.

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of the arts across the South Coast region in May 2021. SouthCoast Spring Arts is a 10-day festival celebrating the arts in our communities by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities across the region, from Fall River to Wareham. The inspiration for this undertaking was to continue the spirit of ArtWeek MA, a statewide program of the Boch Center, which is evaluating when their programming will resume in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

SCSA events will take place from May 7 – May 16, with an emphasis on virtual, hybrid, or outdoor in-person events, in response to the state’s current safety guidelines.

The MAC joins this effort with eight new cultural events in theater, live music, and visual arts. In keeping with the ArtWeek mission, all Spring Arts events at the MAC are offered at low cost or for free. On Friday, May 7, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, join a virtual gallery tour of the MAC’s new contemporary printmaking exhibit, followed by a conversation with the MAC’s ED and Gallerist/Art Dealer Cade Tompkins. On Saturday, May 8, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, join fiber artist Kristina Goransson for a felting workshop where you can learn how to make unique three-dimensional forms with wool. On May 8 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, enjoy a live outdoor concert at the Bandstand at Island Wharf in Marion where the MonteiroBots will perform their special blend of jazz-funk for a socially-distanced crowd. On Thursday, May 13, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, attend an outdoor staged reading at the bandstand of LZ Bravo: A Vietnam Tour of Duty, an original, one-act drama.
**Tundra**

by Chad Carpenter

**SODA JERK**

_YEP. WE'VE GOT A BUN IN THE FREEZER._

**HERE'S YOUR ROOT BEER!**

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**Off the Mark**

by Mark Parisi

**WEIGHTED BLANKETS**

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps

_HEY, THIS IS MUCH BETTER! YOU CAN SEE FOR MILES UP HERE._

_WOW, I GUESS THESE DUMB OL' COWS ARE GOOD FOR SOMETHING._

_I COULD CHARGE ALL THE OTHER CHICKENS FOR OCCASIONAL RIDES. I COULD CALL IT “MOOSELF.”_

 _DON'T EXPECT A LOT OF TIPS WITH THAT ATTITUDE, BUDDY._
conceived by John Heavey, local actor and drama director at Tabor Academy. On Friday, May 14, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, we’ll host a virtual workshop, “Taking Better Photos with Your Smartphone” with artist Deb Ehrens. Deb will teach you how to tell a story with your photos while making the most of a free photo editing app call Snapseed. On Saturday, May 15, from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, you’ll paint your own sunrise painting while tasting local wines in the “Paint and Sip” workshop with artist Barbara Healy. Don’t miss the final MAC Spring Arts event on Sunday, May 16, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, which will be a special encore virtual concert of the Tri-County Symphonic Band’s performance of Cape Cod composer Michael Donovan’s “Postcards from Buzzards Bay.” The concert, originally recorded in 2019, will be accompanied by beautiful images of Buzzards Bay. You’ll see both vintage postcards and original fine art while listening to this celebration of the body of water that shapes the lives of all who live and work in the region. Enjoy a live Q&A session following the concert, and witness interviews with multiple composers. Additionally, the MAC will host a special performance by the Toe Jam Puppet Band for kindergarten, first, and second-graders at Sippican School in Marion.

Art lovers of all ages are invited to ignite their creative spirit and celebrate SouthCoast Spring Arts. To register for Marion Art Center events, head to the MAC’s website at marionartcenter.org. Find out more by emailing info@marionartcenter.org. Discover more events all throughout the local region or join a virtual event from anywhere by visiting southcoastspringarts.org. Regional SCSA events will be added through early April.
LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPoissett
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoissett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40A Section 5 on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm remotely only via Zoom, on the following proposed amendment to the Mattapoissett Zoning Bylaw:

Amendment of Article 8, Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas. Article 8 as it presently exists in the Mattapoissett Zoning Bylaws will be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article 8, a copy of which is on file with the Mattapoissett Town Clerk’s Office, Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the Planning Board Office, the Board of Selectmen’s Office, and may be viewed at the Town Web page by going to www.mattapoissett.net.

The Public Hearing will be held on Zoom and you can join the meeting by going to: https://zoom.us/j/83016202729 or dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 301 715 8592,,83016202729#,,,,*393049# US Passcode: 393049 Meeting ID: 830 1620 2729

To be held Remotely via Zoom* at 7:35 pm.

The public is invited to attend and be heard on this proposal and may inspect the full text of this proposal during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk or Planning Board.

William W. Saltonstall, Chairman
Andrew M. Daniel, Vice Chairman 3/18, 3/25

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Amendment to Article 5 Mattapoissett Zoning Bylaws, USE REGULATIONS, by adopting a new Section 5.12 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS to regulate Solar Energy Systems, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 5.12 “SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS”. The amendment is on file with the Town Clerk’s Office, Mattapoissett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the Planning Board Office, the Board of Selectmen’s Office, and may be viewed by going to www.mattapoissett.net.

ZOOM INFO:
https://zoom.us/j/98160598415 Meeting ID: 981 6059 8415

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Date of Zoom Meeting/Public hearing: Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Point of Contact: Michael Gagne 508-758-4100 ext. 215

Thomas M. Tucker, Chairman 3/18, 3/25

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD

PETITION FOR ZONING DISTRICT
RECLASSIFICATION

On Monday, April 5, 2021 the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c. 40A, s. 5. The public hearing will be held via *Zoom at 7:15 pm.

To see if the Town will vote at the Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Article V, Section 230-5.3 of the Zoning Bylaws, Town of Marion, Massachusetts, to re-classify the following lots, located on Wareham Street, as Zoning District Residence E:

- Map 7 Lot 24
- Map 7 Lot 25
- Map 7 Lot 27
- Map 7 Lot 28C
- Map 7 Lot 29;

said lots are further shown as lots 2 and 3 on a plan entitled “Approval Not Required Plan of Land known as Lots 24, 25, 26 & 27 on Assessor’s Map 7 Situated on Bournhurst Rd & Wareham Street in the Town of Marion, County of Plymouth, MA Prepared by Henry & Judith DeJesus, Scale: 1” = 80’ Date: Nov. 1, 2017”, revised Nov. 2, 2017 and recorded on 6/28/2018 in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 62 Page 544; and lots 4A, 4B and 4C on a plan entitled “Division of Land Plan Plan Lots 28, 29, & a Portion of Lots 24 & 27 on Assessors Map 7, Situated on Wareham Street in the Town of Marion, County of Plymouth, MA Prepared by Henry & Judith DeJesus, Scale: 1” = 80’ Date: March 14, 2019”, revised April 1, 2019” and recorded on 7/8/2019 in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 63 Page 687.

The full text of these bylaws and proposed changes can be viewed at: https://www.marionma.gov/home/files/codification-bylaw-articles-stm-2021

* If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you to identify your name and address for the record.

William W. Saltonstall, Chairman
Andrew M. Daniel, Vice Chairman 3/18, 3/25

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TOWN OF MATTAPoissett
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Town of Mattapoissett is seeking qualified bidders for the construction of a new emergency-vehicle traffic signal along County Road (US Route 6) adjacent to the new Mattapoissett Fire Station, opposite Bay Club Drive, in Mattapoissett, MA. Bidders must be pre-qualified in the applicable category of work per the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards (DLS), under the provisions 720 CMR 5.00. All bids must comply in all respects with the instructions, conditions, specifications and other requirements in the Invitation For Bids. Bid documents are available for download on TEC’s website at www.theengineeringcorp.com/bids beginning on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:00 am. Bids are due on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 by 12:00 pm (noon) at the Mattapoissett Town Hall, located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA. Any bid received after this time will be considered late and will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 on the Mattapoissett Town Hall Front Lawn. The bid opening will be conducted in-person only.

Bids must be in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and requirements stipulated by this funding agency. Each bidder must post a Bid Security consisting of a certified check or a Bid Bond in the form satisfactory to the Town with a Surety Company qualified to do business in Massachusetts, in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total amount bid for the project, payable to the “Town of Mattapoissett”, State minimum prevailing wage rates as determined by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards (DLS), under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D as amended, apply to this project.

The Town reserves the right to waive any irregularities or to reject any or all bids. The Town of Mattapoissett is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action/MBE Employer. For questions or more information, contact Samuel W. Gregorio at sgregorio@theengineeringcorp.com or 987.794.1792 x 1015. 3/25, 4/1

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Mattapoisett Congregational Church
Join your faith community for Holy Week 2021. With inspiring words, glorious music, and beloved scripture, we’ll share a most important season in the life of the church.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28 as we honor Jesus’ entry into the city of Jerusalem amid waving palms. Holy Week culminates with a glorious Easter morning on April 4 with a service on the church lawn. In between, we celebrate the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and reverently honor the Crucifixion on Good Friday.

March 28: Palm Sunday. Pre-recorded service broadcast on ORCTV at 8:00 am (Comcast channel 9, Verizon channel 36) featuring hymns by vocalist Patrice Tiedemann. Rebroadcast at 11:00 am on Wednesday. There will also be a link posted on our website later in the week.

April 1: Maundy Thursday. In-person communion service on the church lawn at 5:30 pm. Bring your lawn chair and a mask. Pre-packaged communion elements provided. Featuring music by vocalist Martha Ann Edminster. In case of severe weather, please consult our website.

April 2: Good Friday. Pre-recorded Seven Last Words of Christ service, broadcast at 3:00 pm on ORCTV (Comcast channel 9, Verizon channel 36) featuring scripture and reflections by seven church members, as well as marvelous music by our beloved musicians.

April 4: Easter Sunday. Christ is risen! Socially distanced in-person service on the church lawn at 9:00 am, featuring soloist Martha Ann Edminster. Pre-packaged communion elements provided. Bring your lawn chair and a mask as we celebrate the risen Christ! In case of severe weather, please consult our website.

Important note: Due to COVID-19, there is no Sunrise Service at the Gazebo this year. A pre-recorded service will be broadcast on ORCTV at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. Due to COVID-19 guidelines for gatherings and contact tracing, we will be asking all Easter attendees to provide names and phone numbers. If you do not regularly attend Mattapoisett Congregational Church, we welcome you to the service! Please pre-register for this service by contacting the church office at mattcongchurch@gmail.com or leave a message at 508-758-2671 with the names of those attending.

Rochester Senior Center
The Rochester Senior Center will be offering most regularly scheduled programs starting in April. Coffee & Conversation is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Scrabble is scheduled on Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Stepping & Stretching will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. The Busy Bees will meet on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. French Culture & Conversation will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 am. Line Dancing will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 am. Chair Yoga will be held on Fridays at 12:00 pm. BINGO will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. Blood Pressure/Wellness Clinics will be held on Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Congregate lunches provided by Coastline Elderly Services will be served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The podiatrist will be at the Rochester Senior Center on Thursday, April 1. Appointments can be made by calling the podiatrist’s office directly at 508-946-1444.

Daily breakfast is anticipated to resume in May. The kitchen at the Senior Center is getting a new refrigerator/freezer and a good old-fashioned spring cleaning.
TOWN OF MATTAPOSSETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE FOR BIDS
The Town of Mattapoisett is hereby soliciting sealed bids for Acushnet Road Over Branch of Mattapoisett River Bridge Replacement. Bids will be open at the Office of the Board of Selectmen at the Mattapoisett Town Hall on April 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding Contract Requirements. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

The work consists of the replacement of the Acushnet Road Bridge over the Branch of the Mattapoisett River, including a precast concrete box culvert, precast approach slabs, installation of guardrail, full depth pavement construction, pavement milling and overlay, spreading loam borrow and seed, pavement markings, temporary traffic control (detour), control of water, replacement of a portion of the water main, and other improvements. This is a re-bid of the 2020 project.

Bid documents may be obtained in electronic format during normal business hours on or after Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the office of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 181 Ballardvale Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, MA 01887; office phone: 978-570-2999, or by e-mail (jnovey@gpnet.com). Due to current COVID restrictions, a hard copy of the plans and specifications will not be available for review.

All bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division.

TOWN OF ROCKETS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a public hearing of the Rochester School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2021-2022 school year at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will not be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting, please use the link information below.

https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95605046618?pwd=TXV1NTNzMWpWPUU4VVo2c3lOdFRRYz09
If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956, 3/25.

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Application for Special Permit of Papa’s Real Estate, LLC for the operation of a propane storage business at Assessors Map 24, Lot 50, 0 Luce Avenue, Marion, MA
The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as Special Permit granting authority, will hold a remote public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:15 pm via Zoom on the application of Papa’s Real Estate, LLC, for a Special Permit under Section 230-8.2(D) of the Code of Marion to allow the operation of a propane storage business in a Limited Industrial Zoning District also in the Water Supply Protection District overlay.

If you need contact Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520 or dpava@marionma.gov to request access to the public hearing.

Randy L. Parker, Chairman 3/25, 4/1

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING
An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kevin Garell, 17 Sparrow Lane, Rochester, MA 02780, for property located at 17 Sparrow Lane, designated as Lot 13 on Rochester Assessors Map 11A. This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Applicant proposes to install an underground pool recreation area within the 100’ buffer of the flagged wetlands. The proposed location of the pool, as well as any disturbance to current vegetation, is outside of the 25’ No Disturb Zone from Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

The property owner of record is Kevin Garell, 17 Sparrow Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 867 8147 4729
Phone: 1-646-876-9923
Michael Conway, Chairman 3/25

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing remotely on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:10 pm on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 17 Moorings Road, further identified as Map 20, Lot 2A.

The following variance is requested to Marion Sanitary Code: Marion Sanitary Code 4.80: Septic Tank Capacity: (15.223) Request a variance to allow the existing 1,500-gallon septic tank to remain in use in lieu of replacing it with a 2,000-gallon septic tank. Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chairman 3/18, 3/25

*Please contact Maureen Murphy at 508-748-3530 or mmurphy@marionma.gov during regular business hours for instructions on attending the meeting. The Zoom Link will be provided upon request.

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The Rochester Senior Center has updated its newsletter. It is now in color and has a new format. Copies are available at the Senior Center and online at www.ourseniorcenter.com. If you would like to receive a newsletter via email, please call the Senior Center at 508-763-8723.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers at the Rochester Senior Center, thank you for your patience during the past year, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

FCCR Holy Week Worship Opportunities
First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, 508-763-4314, is pleased to announce its Holy Week schedule. We invite you to come and worship with us! All gatherings will be live streamed on our website, www.rochestercongregational.com, for those who feel safer worshipping from home.

April 1 at 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday. This service of Tenebrae (meaning “darkness” or “shadows”) has been practiced by the church since medieval times. It is a tradition used during the last days of Holy Week to impress upon the hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior’s sacrifice. This somber service includes Communion, Scripture reading, and the gradual extinguishing of lights in the Sanctuary.

April 2 at 7:00 pm: Good Friday. This Good Friday gathering will include a special message to draw our attention to Jesus’ passion on our behalf. The evening will conclude with participation in the Lord’s Supper in a unique way that you will remember for years to come.

April 4: Resurrection Sunday. Our sunrise

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: 4

Moderate  Challenging  HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

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"Daddy cooked dinner, and then the ___ ___ ___ ___ came."
gathering begins at 7:00 am on the Church Green and our Easter worship gathering at 10:00 am will be held in the Sanctuary. Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society
By Connie Eshbach

The picture with this week’s article is of the covers of the first of four Rochester Journals (which can be purchased from the Friends of the Library or at the Rochester Historical Museum). In 1999, Librarian Lucy Loomis, using grant funding, reached out to Rochester residents to contribute memories of life in Rochester. Called “Diary of a Hometown,” it included “life stories” about school days, childhood chores, families, sports, poems, old deeds, letters, and as the preface states, the pieces contributed have “no common thread. Instead they encompass personal and civic history”. The first journal contained pieces from 21 current and former residents. The three other journals cover different aspects of local history.

These journals, along with memoirs of long past residents, contribute so much to our sense of Rochester’s history and add meaning and context to collections of deeds, town meeting records, and newspaper reports. This week we’re asking people to add to the files of the Historical Society by sending in pictures, paragraphs, stories, or even artifacts that will give the future a sense of our journey through the Pandemic of 2020. Perhaps an event, a feeling, or interaction, either positive or negative, would help those in future Rochester understand this time that we have all lived.

You can email it to eshbach2@aol.com or mail it to Rochester Historical Society, P.O. Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770, or even arrange to stop by the museum on County Road. Thank you to those who have already contributed and to once again quote from Lucy Loomis, “All history, like news, is local and personal, but so often overlooked when we explore the past.”

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Are there prizes? Yes! First place wins $500; second place wins $250; third place wins $100. In addition, a school with multiple exceptional entries will receive a $250 Catalyst Award.

Who can enter? The contest is open to any Massachusetts high school student in grades 9-12.

When is the contest? Entries should be submitted online at www.lwvma.org by midnight on April 2. Winners will be announced by April 30.

For more information, please go to www.lwvma.org, email us at lwvma@lwvma.org, or call 857-452-1715.

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The annual census forms for the Town of Mattapoisett were mailed out in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible.
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Liam Patrick Murray March 30
Rhonda Criscuolo March 30
Tom Figureiredo March 30
Colin Surdam March 31
Michael A. Cahillane March 31
Robert R. Bolduc March 31
Zoë Motta March 31

OOO! WHAT’S THAT WONDERFUL SCENT YOU’RE WEARING? UH... MUSK?

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Failure to respond to the census may cause you to be made an inactive voter. Please note that the annual town census is separate from the federal census, which you may have completed recently.

Included with the census form was a dog licensing reminder. If you have not licensed your dog for 2021, please take care of that soon. A late fee of $10 each will start on June 1. Payments may be made online through the Town website, by mail, through the drop box at the entrance to Town Hall, or in person. For any questions regarding the census or dog licensing, please call 508-758-4100 x2.

**Cultural Grants Awarded**

State Representative William M. Straus, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, and Kathleen Damaskos of the Mattapoisett Cultural Council have announced the award of 20 grants totaling $11,560 for cultural programs in and around Mattapoisett.

Grant recipients include Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Mattapoisett Land Trust, and Mattapoisett Museum. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council is part of a network of Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year.

In 2021, Mattapoisett Cultural Council is once again receiving town financial support to supplement the state allocation and is fortunate to have both state and town funding after a year during which many cultural programs were either canceled or postponed to the disappointment of both arts providers and arts consumers. Mattapoisett residents are anxious for cultural programs to return this year and artists are anxious to produce great programs.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by council members Gary Brown, Carole Clifford, Carol Dildine, Michael Eaton, Annemarie Fredericks, Joanna MacDonald Ingham, Barbara Poznysz, Bette-Jean Rocha, Gale Schultz, Sarah Thomas, and Donna Wingate.

“Investment in the arts, especially at the local level, has never been more important, and I am pleased that the legislature was able to provide funding for the current year,” said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett). “The Mattapoisett Cultural Council has done excellent work making sure that artists continue to be supported despite the restrictions we all continue to operate under.”

“The continued investment in our Cultural Council grantees will further benefit the Mattapoisett community and help advance the town’s goals to encourage local resources and activities that engage our residents. We believe that these arts and cultural efforts

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**ACROSS**

3 Delivered Pont
4 Poseidon's supersonic crank
5 Gilmore Golfer
7 Slumping Pont
12 SoCal Ron's closest friend, edge of the knife
13 Big Island Kailua
16 Shiny gray artillery seashore
17 Tennis zero
18 Mais ____!
19 To and ____

**DOWN**

1 Edible Parisian electronics store, recently closed in SoCal
2 Sharp shoe brand
3 Pancake harbor
6 Lady sheep
8 Norse Goddess of war
9 Scrub and blaze recreational area
10 Larry Legend
11 This takes 86,400 seconds
14 Dr. Seuss's favorite yellow eyed demon
15 Mooring location

To decipher the message, follow the code below!

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### A Powerful Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. The favor requested will be granted. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted. Don't mention the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. E.G.  

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will further advance our goal of promoting diverse and educational experiences for all.” said Selectman Jordan C. Collyer.

This year’s Mattapoisett Cultural Council grantees include Davis Bates, Dream Tale Puppets, Irish Traditional Music Sessions, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Mattapoisett Land, Trust Education Committee, Mattapoisett Museum, MUSIC Dance.edu, New Bedford Art, Museum / Artworks!, New Bedford Festival Theatre, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Jazz Fest, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Seaglass Theater Company, SEED, Inc., Shakespeare in New Bedford, Sippican Choral Society, Sippican Land Trust, South Coast, Children’s Chorus, Tri-County Symphonic Band, Kirk Whipple & Marilyn Morales, Duo Pianists

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information and forms will be available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. Applications will be due in mid-October.

**Cushing Cemetery**

On April 1, we will be starting our cleanup of the cemetery and we need your help. It would be a big help if you removed the old Christmas decorations, dead flowers, old Halloween decorations, and worn and faded plastic flowers. All biodegradable materials can go into the trailer; all other materials can go into the trash cans.

The volunteers have been picking up sticks and blowdowns all winter long, and have been working on other projects to make the cemetery more pleasant to the eye. So, any help you give us would be helpful.

Please, no dogs are allowed in the cemetery and, please, no doggy bags in the trash.

**Marion Scholarship and Education Committee**

Through the generosity of Marion residents, the Marion Scholarship and Education Committee is offering a scholarship to high school seniors who will graduate in 2021.

Applicants must live in Marion, be in good academic standing, and accepted at a recognized college for the fall of 2021.

Application requirements can be obtained through the counseling office at your high school. Applications must be received in full no later than April 15.

Anyone who would like to contribute to these and to future scholarships can send a donation to The Marion Scholarship and Education Committee, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

**Tri-Town Early Childhood Program**

Tri-Town Early Childhood Program Registration for 2021-2022 is open online. Children who have attended high-quality preschools are well prepared for their future learning. In an effort to provide this opportunity to more children, the Tri-Town Early Childhood Program enrolls children ages 2.9 to 5 years. Class size is limited to 15 children per day. The enrollment policy, as adopted by the ORR School Committee, is as follows: Enrollment is based on a balance of 3, 4, and 5-year-olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. If openings remain after resident applications are processed, nonresidents may apply.

Preschool choices and options are as follows: Two days per week (Tuesday & Thursday) 72 days total; three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 100 days total; five days per week (Monday-Friday) 172 days.

There is a half-day option, 7:00 am-12:00 pm, $35/day; and full-day option, 7:00 am-3:30 pm, $45/day.

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school each day.

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program serves as a model setting for high school students interested in early childhood education. Under the direction of both the high school early childhood teacher and the preschool classroom teacher, high school students learn, practice, and master the skills necessary to support young learners in a preschool classroom.

**Sippican Woman’s Club**

Remember the Oar and Paddle Auction that the Sippican Woman’s Club had planned to hold last summer? These artistically painted oars or paddles done by local artists and art students were to be auctioned off in August. …Then came COVID-19.

Well, the auction is now in the planning stages to be held this August in a safe environment. If we gave you an oar or paddle last year, please consider finishing it! If you’d like an oar or paddle to paint or decorate to be auctioned off to benefit our Scholarship Fund, email us at SWC.Marion@gmail.com.

### Real Estate Transactions

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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of The Wanderer is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don’t put down this page as your answer, there’s another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark

In the March 18, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 3!
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